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Charleston, Feb. 8th

Another severe shock of an earthquake was felt in this city yesterday morning at four o'clock. Its duration was much longer than any that has preceded it. A gentleman who was up at the time ascertained it to exceed three minutes. Its undulatory motion was much shorter and quicker than any we have before experienced. Books and other articles were thrown from shelves, and chairs and other furniture standing against walls, made a rattling noise at the time. It was nearly calm and cloudy. Thermometer at eight o'clock A. M. stood at 52.

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We are indebted to a respectable Correspondent from the sub-frequent extract of a letter from a gentleman in Charleston, South Carolina, dated February 7, 1812.

The whole town is again in great dismay. - Fear and anxiety are depicted in every countenance, and nothing of a cheerful nature occupies the conversation of any of the people. On the first instant at 5 O'clock P.M. a shock of an earthquake (too slight for us to feel) was perceived by several with whom we were that evening in company. Yesterday a trembling of the earth was observed five times by a gentleman who was all day engaged in writing and by a watchmaker who had to desist from some nice work he